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SECTION V

AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49, WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject, "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in serial flights as crew members in successful combat missions from bases in the Marianas Islands against the Japanese Empire. These missions were flown under rapidly changing and often-times adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under a prolonged period of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

459th Bombardment Squadron, 330th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Thomas L Ashbridge III, 0676907, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Mortimer E Stevenson, Jr, 0750716, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Robert T Gerlach, 0780569, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Joseph R Harris, 02065062, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Eugene A Malin, 02061400, Air Corps, United States Army, from 24 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Flight Officer George L Andrews, T131778, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Master Sergeant Joseph Plaziak, 11043907, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant John H Burckes, 31297505, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

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Staff Sergeant William W Victor, Jr, 37530698, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Leo V Keitz, 36560501, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant Frank J Quintero, 34537748, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Mark E Wilson, 33854983, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant Robert C Fenn, 31349792, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Henry J Adams, 0739529, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Howard L Quigg, 34539031, Air Corps, United States Army, from 18 April 1945 to 3 May 1945.

Sergeant Harry W Hardy, 34817360, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

457th Bombardment Squadron, 330th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Thomas R Abbring, 0668375, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

First Lieutenant James W Bradford, 0804600, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Robert D Harkelrode, 0825062, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Flight Officer Clifford H Readout, T4222, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant James E Adams, 0695127, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Clarence A Davis, 0664747, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Earl R Deter, 0744455, Air Corps, United States Army, from 17 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant John C Loose, 02063444, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Rowland S Wilson, Jr, 0762855, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Arthur M Harnuth, 02069010, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

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Sergeant Raymond J. Whitehurst, 14153383, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 3 April 1945 to 3 May 1945.

61st Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group

Captain Woodland M. Styron, 0789354, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Raymond E. Nation, 0681789, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Donald L. Erb, 02064236, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Rolla P. Knibbe, 0775395, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Leo J. Laux, 02068103, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Joseph W. Glezman, 6995460, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Frank J. Policastro, 20234548, Air Corps, United States  
Army, from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Richard D. Henkle, 33763362, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Benjamin F. Hill, 33800139, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant John I. Saarinen, 37556331, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Charles F. Sauermeier, Jr., 33790646, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Stephen Franko, 0555299, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Edwin F. Cochran, 02063362, Air Corps, United States Army,  
21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Earl R. Davis, 0777612, Air Corps, United States Army, from  
21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Ernest R. Severson, 02070155, Air Corps, United States  
Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Flight Officer Donald M. Wakeford, T7131, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Master Sergeant Donald M. Evans, 17003477, Air Corps, United States Army,  
from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

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Sergeant James K Eskew, 35658171, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Corporal David C Brown, 34771898, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Corporal Joseph F Fair, 37489369, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Corporal Frank W Novak, 12029890, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

Corporal Robert R Spanner, 42021201, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

62nd Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Edmond T Arvin, Jr, 0663455, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Glen C Durkin, 02063384, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Robert B Johnson, 0778490, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Leonard A Kuther, 0701538, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Stanley A Lapinski, 01321785, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Master Sergeant Charles L Hardin, 14001098, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant Paul Kachurchik, 33603409, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant Thomas M Mayfield, Jr, 14203147, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant Martin T McDonough, 33677958, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Sergeant William P Yarns, Jr, 33603307, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Corporal J C Wilkas, Jr, 14192863, Air Corps, United States Army, from 21 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Captain Kenneth L Hornbeck, 01699422, Air Corps, United States Army, from 13 April 1945 to 26 April 1945.

60th Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group

Captain William C Sullivan, 0663954, Air Corps, United States Army, from 12 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.